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Applicant : Hirohisa Kishi, *et al.*
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For : FUEL INJECTION VALVE BODY FOR
DIRECT INJECTION TYPE INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE
Group : 3752
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the invention exemplified by Species 2 which is directed to Figure 3A. The claims readable thereon are claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. The Applicants respectfully traverse the Requirement, on the grounds that there would be no significant burden on the Examiner to search fuel injector tip art while keeping in mind a minimal number of distinct injector tip shapes. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending Requirement is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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